Commercial Exploitation of Forests

2019. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:-(a) whether the Government have any proposal to place a moratorium on commercial exploitation of forests in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The National Forest Policy 1983 does not provide for total ban on cutting of trees. However, it enjoins that no forest should be permitted to be worked without the Government having approved the Management plan and that derivation of direct economic benefit from the forests should be subordinated to the importance of forests for environmental stability and ecological balance.

Adventure Tourism in Orissa

2020. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have laid emphasis on the promotion of adventure tourism; and

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in this direction and particularly in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Central Government has extended financial assistance to the government of Orissa for following schemes pertaining to adventure tourism:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1.	Water Sports Equipment for three centres.	15.44
2.	Forest lodge at Chandbali for Bhitarkanika.	14.96
3.	Fores lodge at Tikarpara	14.80
4.	Motor yacht for Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary.	4.30
5.	Mini-buses and elephants for Simlipal national Park.	4.04

Budhist Monuments

2021. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world famous buddhist monuments like Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Udaygiri etc. have been neglected since decanes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union